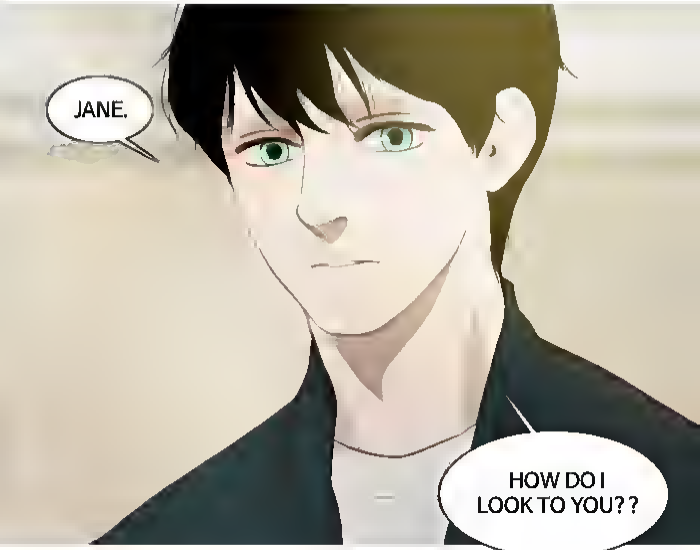
NOT EVEN FAMILY MEMBERS SHOULD BE LOOKING IN EACH OTHER'S PRIVATE DIARIES.
I WON'T DO THAT AGAIN. OKAY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'OKAY'??

I APOLOGIZED, SO YOU CAN STOP DOING THAT AND RELAX. YOU'RE MAKING ME WORRIED AND UNCOMFORTABLE.
AND YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING ALL DAY.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KEEP PROTESTING LIKE A KID BY NOT EATING, ARE YOU?


JANE.
HOW DO I LOOK TO YOU??

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TO ME, YOU LOOK LIKE A BEAUTIFUL, BRIGHT, MATURE PERSON.
WHAT ABOUT ME? HOW DO I LOOK TO YOU?

WELL, YOU LOOK LIKE A PERSON TO ME TOO. ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?
NO, I MEAN MORE SPECIFICALLY.
S-SPECIFICALLY? COME ON, ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE.
LET'S JUST EAT.

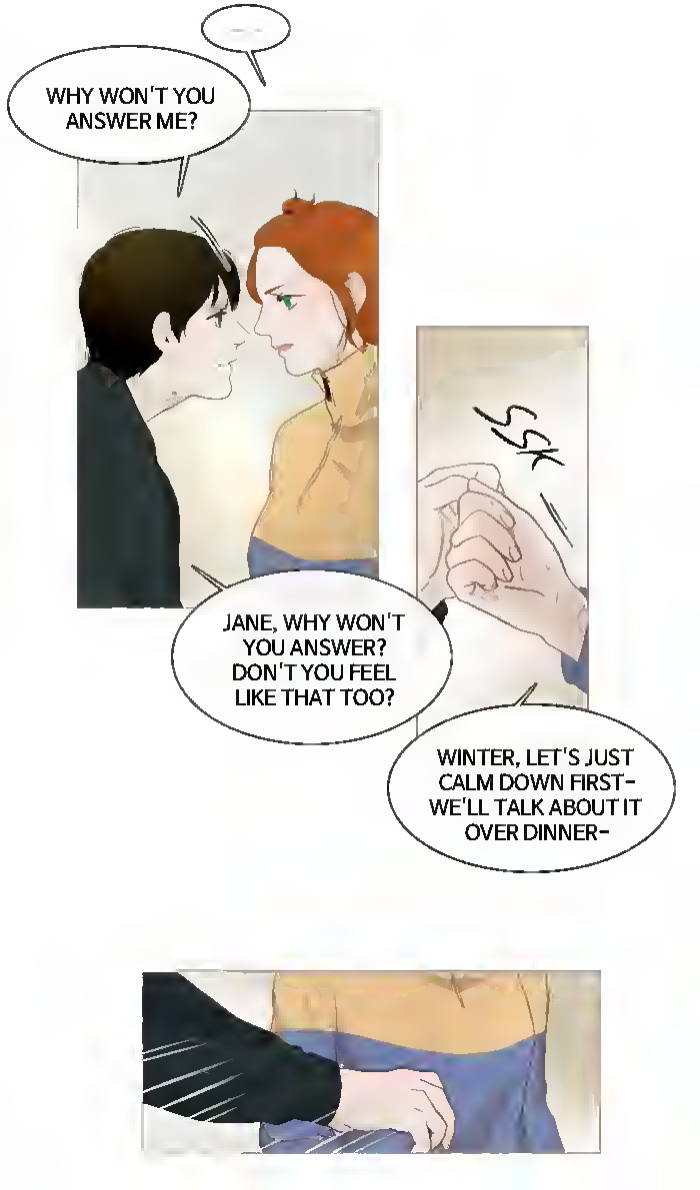
JANE!
GRASP
!!!!

JANE, I'M NOT A CHILD.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
LET ME GO FIRST, THEN WE'LL TALK.
COME ON-

...JANE
PLOP
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP TREATING ME LIKE A LITTLE KID?

AH...

MY HEART POUNDS JUST HAVING YOU AROUND LIKE THIS.
DON T YOU FEEL THAT WAY TOO?


WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER ME?
SSK
JANE, WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER? DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE THAT TOO?
WINTER, LET'S JUST CALM DOWN FIRST- WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT OVER DINNER-

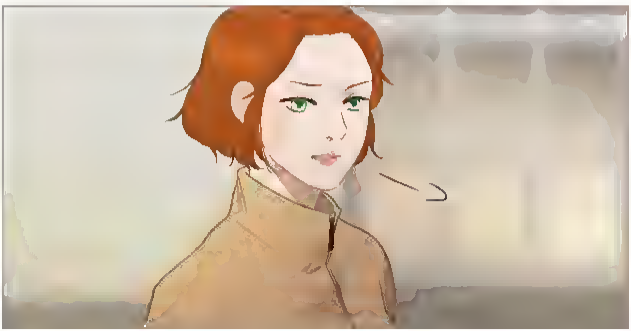
SERIOUSLY, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?! LET GO-
CAN'T YOU LET ME DO THIS?
NO. I HATE THIS KIND OF THING!

THIS IS WHY
I HAVE TO TREAT YOU
LIKE A CHILD-
SQUEEZE
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS
CLING TO ME LIKE THIS!

DO YOU ONLY
EVER CARE ABOUT
HOW YOU FEEL?

I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY THAT I DO.
I'M GOING OUT FOR A LITTLE BIT.
AT THIS HOUR? WHERE...!

FINE, GO THEN.
DO WHATEVER
YOU WANT.
SLAM



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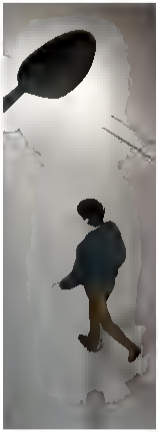
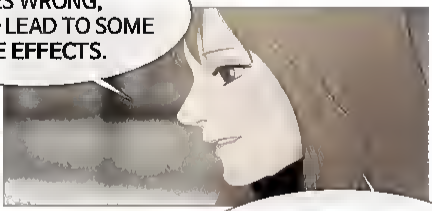


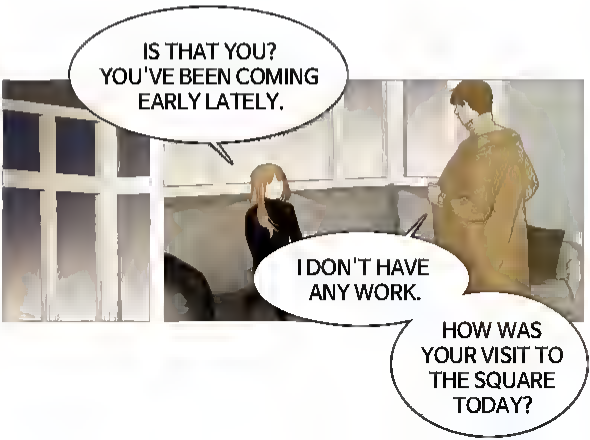
DON'T RUSH THESE THINGS.

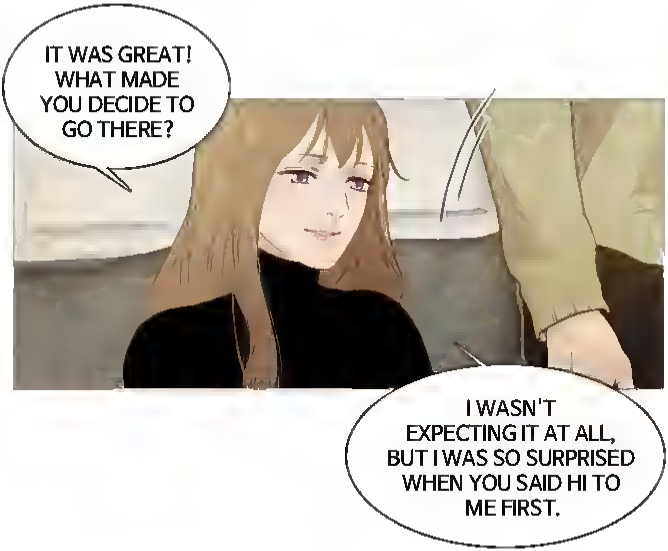
IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, IT COULD LEAD TO SOME SIDE EFFECTS.

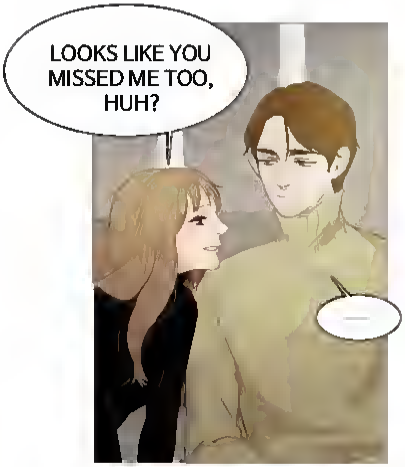


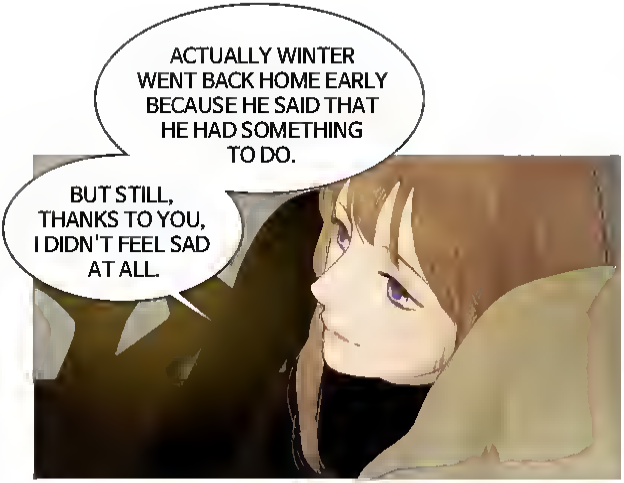
I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER TO JUST CHANGE NATURALLY.

ADORA, IS THIS THE SIDE EFFECT THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT?

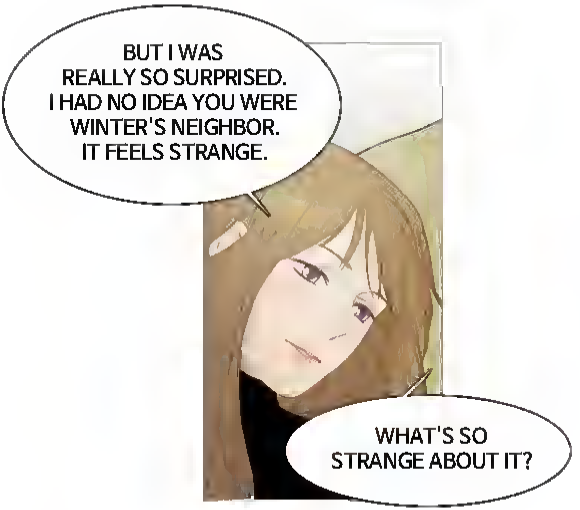

IS THAT YOU? YOU'VE BEEN COMING EARLY LATELY.
I DON'T HAVE ANY WORK.
HOW WAS YOUR VISIT TO THE SQUARE TODAY?


IT WAS GREAT! WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO THERE?
I WASN'T EXPECTING IT AT ALL, BUT I WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN YOU SAID HI TO ME FIRST.


LOOKS LIKE YOU MISSED ME TOO, HUH?


ACTUALLY WINTER WENT BACK HOME EARLY BECAUSE HE SAID THAT HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO.
BUT STILL, THANKS TO YOU, I DIDN'T FEEL SAD AT ALL.

I SEE.


BUT I WAS
REALLY SO SURPRISED.
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE
WINTER'S NEIGHBOR.
IT FEELS STRANGE.
WHAT'S SO
STRANGE ABOUT IT?

HM... WELL, THE ZOE THAT I KNOW IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE THAT WINTER KNOWS, RIGHT?

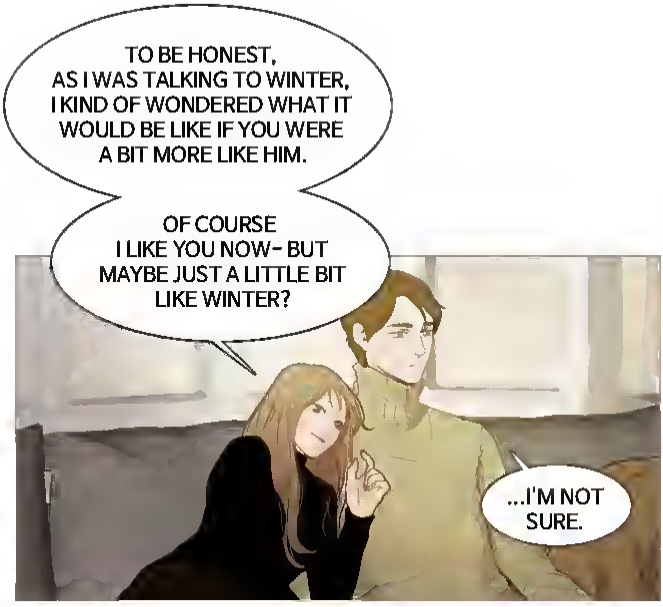
I KNOW YOU'RE JUST ONE PERSON, BUT IT FEELS LIKE THERE ARE TWO OF YOU.

IT'S BOTH STRANGE AND AMAZING. I GUESS IT'S ALSO KIND OF SCARY.

AFTER YOU LEFT, I MET SOMEONE NAMED ROY. HE SEEMED KIND OF SENSITIVE BUT HE HAD A REALLY UNIQUE VOICE.

HE SAID HE WANTS TO BE FRIENDS WITH ME. I FEEL LIKE I KEEP MAKING FRIENDS.

DOES THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?
YEAH. IT'S EXCITING.
AH! AND~
I TALKED TO WINTER TODAY, AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING SOME TROUBLE WITH JANE. BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW JANE FEELS. WINTER IS SO ADORABLE.


TO BE HONEST, AS I WAS TALKING TO WINTER, I KIND OF WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF YOU WERE A BIT MORE LIKE HIM.
OF COURSE I LIKE YOU NOW- BUT MAYBE JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKE WINTER?
...I'M NOT SURE.

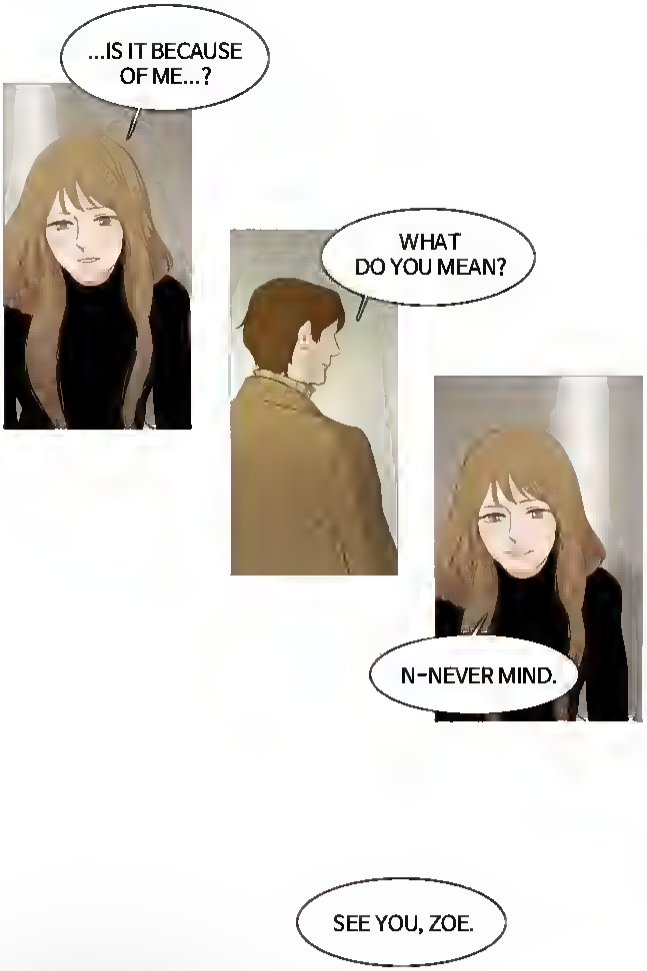
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THE HALF OF WINTER AND THE HALF OF YOU PUT TOGETHER.

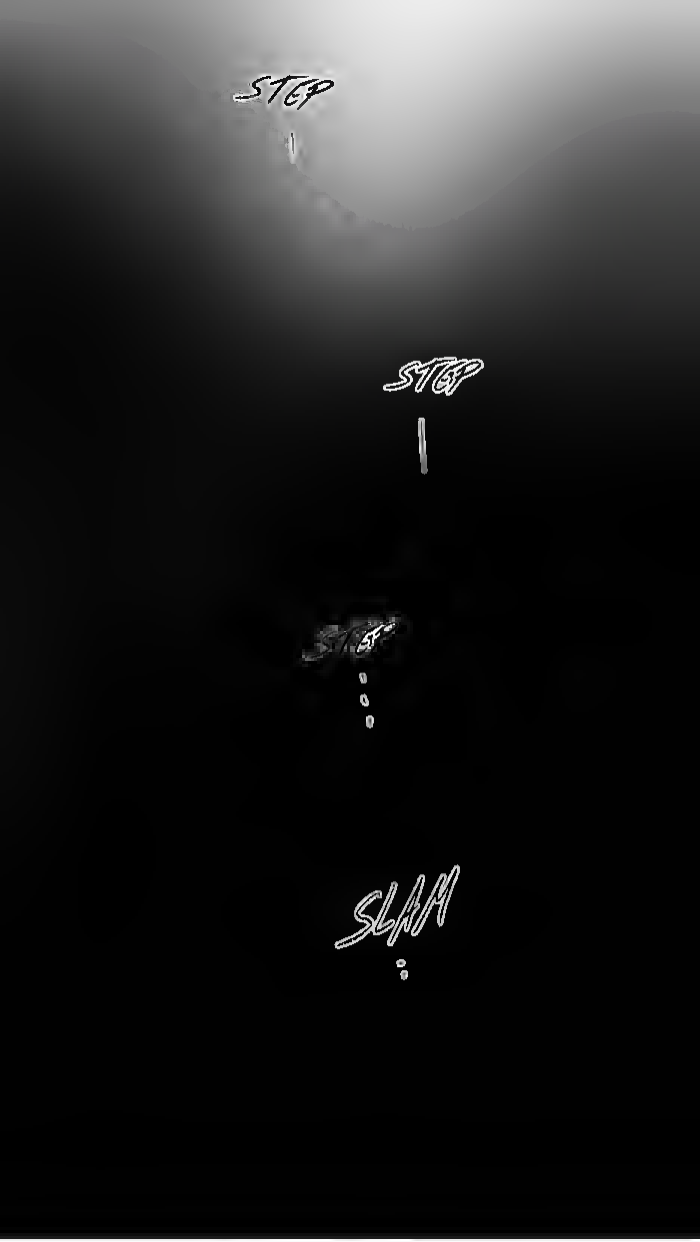
YOU WOULDN'T BE QUITE LIKE WINTER, BUT YOU WOULD PROBABLY EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS A BIT MORE THAN NOW, RIGHT?

YOU WOULD BE SO ADORABLE~

ADORA.
I THINK
I HAVE TO LEAVE
EARLY.

AH...
ARE YOU LEAVING
ALREADY?
I FORGOT THAT
THERE'S SOMETHING
I HAVE TO DO


...IS IT BECAUSE OF ME...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
N-NEVER MIND.
SEE YOU, ZOE.


STEP
STEP
SLAM

STILL, THANK YOU, ZOE.
FOR COMING TO SEE ME.

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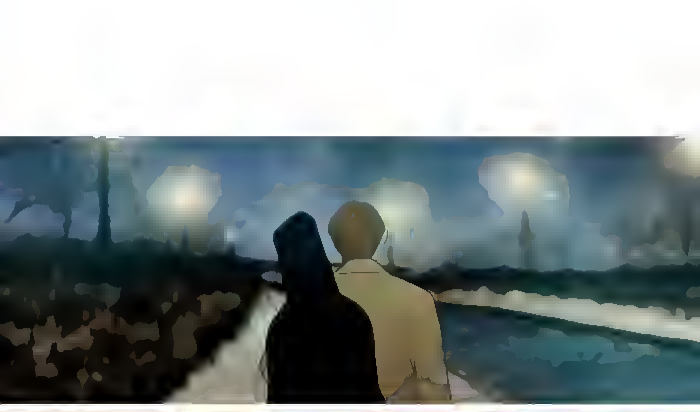

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